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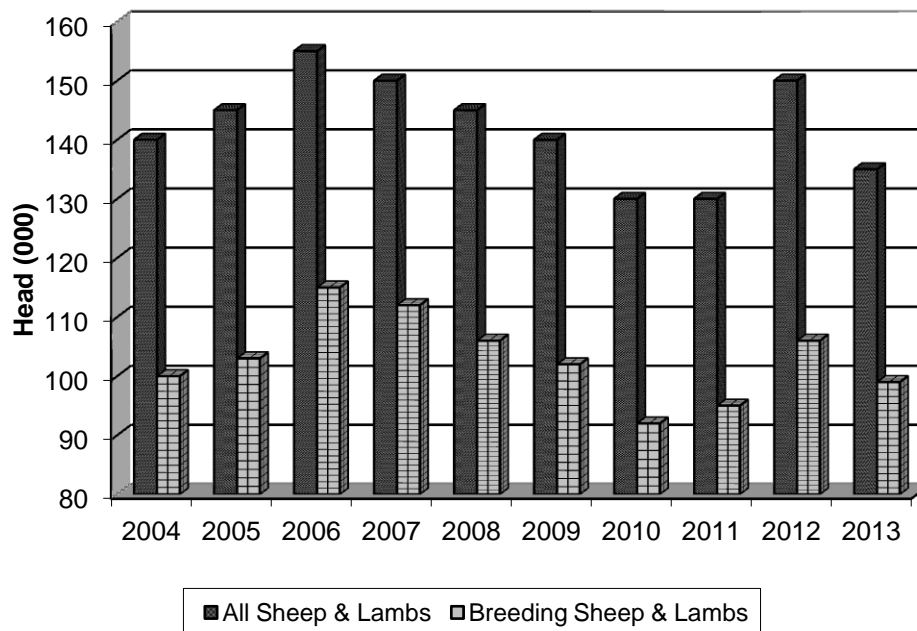
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MINNESOTA'S SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN FROM 2012

Minnesota's January 1, 2013, sheep and lamb inventory at 135,000 head was down 10 percent from last year, according to USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Breeding stock numbers were down 7 percent to 99,000. The remaining inventory of 36,000 market lambs and sheep was down 18 percent from last year. Of the 36,000 total lambs and sheep for slaughter market, 1,000 were mature sheep (1 year old and older) and the remaining 35,000 were lambs under 1 year. Market lambs by weight group were estimated as follows: under 65 pounds: 7,000; 65-84 pounds: 7,000; 85-105 pounds: 8,000; over 105 pounds: 13,000.

Minnesota's 2011 lamb crop totaled 135,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. The 2012 lambing rate was 163 per 100 ewes one year old and older on hand January 1, 2012, compared with 175 per 100 ewes in 2011.

All Sheep & Lambs and Breeding Sheep & Lambs Minnesota 2004-2013



MINNESOTA'S WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN 8 PERCENT FROM 2011

Minnesota's 2012 wool production totaled 800,000 pounds down 8 percent from the 2011 level. Minnesota is ranked 11th in 2012 U.S. wool production. The 130,000 sheep and lambs shorn in 2012 were down 7 percent from 2011. Fleece weight averaged 6.20 pounds, unchanged from the previous year. Value of the state's 2012 wool production was 584,000 dollars, up 8 percent from the previous year's value of 539,000 dollars. Average price per pound for 2012 was 73 cents, up 11 cents from the 2011 price.

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MINNESOTA'S MEAT AND OTHER GOAT INVENTORY UP 5 PERCENT

Minnesota's January 1, 2013, meat and other goat inventory, at 24,600 head, was up 5 percent from the January 1, 2012, figure. The milk goat inventory, at 13,500 head, was up 17 percent from the 2012 figure, while angora goats, at 1,000 head, were unchanged from last year.

U.S. TOTAL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2013, totaled 5.34 million head, down 1 percent from 2012. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 3.98 million head on January 1, 2013, down 1 percent from 4.00 million head on January 1, 2012. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.14 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2013, totaled 1.36 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2012. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Twenty-three percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 22 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 37 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2012 lamb crop of 3.46 million head, was down 2 percent from 2011. The 2012 lambing rate was 109 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2012, unchanged from 2011.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2012 was 28.5 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2011. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.93 million head, also down 2 percent from 2011. The average price paid for wool sold in 2012 was \$1.53 per pound for a total value of 43.6 million dollars, down 11 percent from 48.9 million dollars in 2011.

U.S. TOTAL GOAT INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2013, totaled 2.81 million head, down 2 percent from 2012. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.32 million head, down 2 percent from 2012. Does one year old and older, at 1.73 million head, were 2 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 490,000 head, up 1 percent from a year ago. **Kid crop** for 2012 totaled 1.79 million head for all goats, down 5 percent from 2011. **Meat and all other goats** totaled 2.32 million head on January 1, 2013, down 2 percent from 2012. Milk goat inventory was 360,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2012, while Angora goats were down 7 percent, totaling 136,000 head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2012 was 770,000 pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 136,000 head. Average weight per clip was 5.7 pounds. Mohair price was \$3.89 per pound with a value of 2.99 million dollars.

Goats: Number by Class, United States, January 1, 2012-2013

Item	Total	Breeding	Market	Kid Crop ¹
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
2012				
Angora	146,000	130,000	16,000	81,000
Milk	360,000	324,000	36,000	267,000
Meat	2,356,000	1,921,000	435,000	1,531,000
All	2,862,000	2,375,000	487,000	1,879,000
2013				
Angora	136,000	121,000	15,000	70,000
Milk	360,000	325,000	35,000	267,000
Meat	2,315,000	1,875,000	440,000	1,450,000
All	2,811,000	2,321,000	490,000	1,787,000

¹ Kid Crop for 2012 refers to kids born in 2011. Kid Crop for 2013 refers to kids born in 2012.